

REPORT OF MRS. YATES.

President of National Association of Colored Women Brings a Cheerful Message to Her Sisters

Among the prominent factors in the recent gathering of the Women's International Council, which was held here last week was Mrs. J. Silone Yates, president of the National Association of Colored Women. No one was more cordially welcomed by her sisters in white than Mrs. Yates and few made so profound an impression upon this intellectual and progressive body.

In her report Mrs. Yates explained that the gatherings of the national body had been an inspiration and a revelation as to the work and development of Afro-American women, not only with reference to the discussions, but also because of more tangible proofs of their



Mrs. J. Silone Yates.

development through exhibits of painting, of literature, of music, collected mainly through the activity of Miss Lottie Wilson, who at this time has a studio in this city.

"We urge the formation of temperance clubs," she said, "knowing that the habit of intemperance is one of the great evils in this as in other races; domestic science clubs, because unsanitary methods of living, of cooking, etc., prevent the masses of our people from doing their best work from economic and other standpoints; of benevolent and charitable institutions, because more, perhaps, than all else the race as a unit should be taught to be self-sustaining, independent, self-reliant, thinking for itself. In a word, we encourage the formation of all forms of clubs for the general improvement of the race.

"We now represent a membership of about ten thousand women; we have local branches in twenty-six states; in eight of these, as in Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, Alabama, etc., a state federation exists, and in several of the larger cities, as Cleveland, St. Louis and elsewhere, a city federation.

"Our members have never failed to respond to legitimate calls for funds to further the general interests of the organization, and every dollar of the entrance fee to the council was contributed as a free will offering.

"There is a period of organization and a period of work in all large bodies. This association has not completed its period of organization, although a great deal of earnest work that counts for much has been accomplished by the local clubs of the various states."

The Woman's League, of this city, held a brilliant reception on Saturday from 6 to 8 p. m., at the home of the president, Mrs. Helen A. Cook, in honor of Mrs. J. Silone Yates, president of the National Association of Colored Women.

Early in the evening Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Isabel Howard received with the guest of honor in the front parlor; later the company assembled in the library where a large log fire lent its cheerfulness in pleasing contrast to the very inclement weather on the outside. Refreshments were served in the dining-room by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Grimke, Mrs. Bailey, Misses Datcher and Cook.

The League women were delighted to honor the noble woman who stands at the head of the very useful association, and while the League does not belong to the national body they feel that Mrs. Yates is worthy of all the honors which are being bestowed upon her in this city and elsewhere.

Mrs. Yates was the recipient of several other social honors by friends and admirers during her stay.

MUSICAL MELANGE.

Miss Addie Wormley will add another laurel to her wreath as an elocutionist on next Tuesday evening the 7th inst. at the Orpheus Glee Club concert and reception.

The revived Orpheus Glee Club will appear next week with an interesting program at Odd Fellows Hall. Dancing will follow the concert, thereby furnishing amusement for all.

Mr. J. Arthur Harley's song service, after Sir John Stainer, was enjoyed by a good audience at St. Luke's Sunday evening. The work of the quartet, Miss Nettie Murray and Marie James and Messrs J. T. Walker and W. H. Fossett was especially fine.

The choir of the 19th Street Baptist church under the direction of Mr. B. H. Baker is making rapid strides to the place it held a few years ago. Persistent and hard work have been indulged in since he assumed charge and the results are becoming quite apparent.

The S. Coeridge Taylor Choral Society is surely improving in its gigantic undertaking. A few more well trained voices will be admitted by application to the music committee or at any regular rehearsal at Lincoln Memorial Temple any Tuesday evening.

Mr. R. W. Tompkins, so popularly known as a director of music, is now wielding the baton for the Orpheus Glee Club. This alone is sufficient assurance that the class of music rendered by the club will be par excellence. The late Temperance Choir owed its success entirely to the efforts of Mr. Tompkins and it was the leading musical organization (colored) in the city. Keep your eye on the Orpheus.

The Aeolian Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Club will give the music lovers of this city an unusually excellent musicale on April 1st at G and Army Hall. This club, with a membership of thirty, plays upon seven kinds of instruments and is the largest colored club of its kind in this country. The concert during Easter week will be attended by all the visitors to the city as well as by the elite of Washington. This is the one concert where our representative citizens can be seen. During the same week this club will play in Baltimore and Philadelphia where their numerous friends are preparing to entertain them royally.

Changes at Second Baptist Lyceum.

At last Sunday's meeting of the Second Baptist Lyceum the resignation of Mr. R. W. Thompson as president went into effect. Resolutions were adopted commending him for his successful administration, testifying to the esteem in which he was held by the organization, and expressing admiration for his high character and personal worth. Mr. Samuel E. Loy was unanimously chosen as his successor. Other changes in the official roster were made and the list now stands as follows: First, second and third vice presidents respectively, Messrs. C. L. Marshall, W. T. Menard and J. W. Pope; recording secretary Miss Mamie Boyd, assistant recording secretary, Mr. J. W. Pope; corresponding secretary, M. N. Corbett; financial secretary, Miss Almira Crutchfield; treasurer, Miss Mary Brown; chaplain, T. H. Norman; assistant chaplain, A. H. Matthews; historian, Prof. Jesse Law.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

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If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

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To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.00 to \$6.00 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

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You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Class B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423 83
Due from National Banks ..	48,383 22
Banking House	14,000 00
Other real estates	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,388 99
Specie, nickels and cents	12,399 80
Paper currency	35,820 00
Total	391,120 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Surplus fund	80,957 81
Undivided profits	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposit	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit	118,424 74
Total	391,120 64

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home." With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their race, color or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 house with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases buildings.

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